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## CITY BREVITIES.

Policeman Lee arrested Robert A. Rolfe yesterday in East Washington. He is charged with assaulting Alice Lusky.

While watching the departure of the National Guard from the army yesterday morning, Mrs. Frances E. Howard was robbed of her pocketbook which contained \$5.

Honorable Society Agent Haynes arrested G. E. Green, charged with cruelty to animals. Policeman M. H. Brown arrested and extended. One in East Washington, charged with the same offense.

Henry Dicks, colored, was tried in the Police Court yesterday for cruelty to animals and also for assaulting an officer. He was found guilty of the first charge and fined \$20 and acquitted of the other charge.

Donald Lynch, who is alleged to have cut two deep gashes in John Kerrigan's neck near the Government Printing Office Sunday night, was released on bail yesterday until Kerrigan is able to appear for trial.

Richard Reagan was convicted in the Police Court yesterday before Judge Scott of keeping an unlicensed bar. He was fined \$100 and costs. He was also fined \$25 in default of the payment of which he will go to jail for four months.

Robert Carter, colored, was acquitted in the Police Court yesterday before Judge Kimball of the charge of assault with intent to kill Stanley Dutch, also colored, on the 7th of last month. The testimony showed that the shooting was purely accidental.

In The Times of April 23 there appeared a special notice relative to the domestic affairs of Theodore Macken. It is desired that it be stated that this notice does not refer to Theodore E. Macken and wife of 1212 New York Avenue.

A team driven by William Swan on Good Hope Hill yesterday afternoon was overturned. Swan and Ethel Gray were thrown out and painfully injured. After being attended by Dr. Mudd they were taken to their homes in the village of Garfield, D. C.

Mr. James Campbell, of the Navy, will deliver Commander Schley's lecture on the rescue of the Greely expedition at Odd Fellows Hall, Eighth Street southeast, this evening under the auspices of the Home League of the Temperance Knights of America. It will be illustrated by security stereoscopic views.

Two alarms of fire were turned in yesterday afternoon. The first was at the residence of Henry Schlegel, No. 43 E Street northwest. Cause unknown. Damage \$2. The manager of the Monarch Fire extinguisher was in the building with one of the Monarch tubes and no difficulty in extinguishing the flames. A citizen turned in the second alarm from box 33 from the residence of Mrs. T. M. T. at 2300 Champlain Avenue. Cause unknown. The blaze started in a waste paper in the second story. Damage slight.

## HOWARD STUDENTS.

They organize a Company of Volunteers.

A committee of five, consisting of G. H. DeWolf, chairman; H. A. Brown, Thomas, G. H. White, and J. A. Brown, DeWolf, accompanied by Congressman G. H. White and Prof. Geo. W. Coe, presented the following resolutions, signed by fifty students to the Secretary of War yesterday.

Whereas, by an act of Congress approved April 22, 1898, the President is authorized, in order to raise a volunteer army, to accept into the Army of the United States such persons as voluntarily offer their services in defense of the nation.

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned students of Howard University, District of Columbia, being loyal Americans deeply sensible of our duty as patriots, have organized a company of volunteers upon such, do hereby offer our services to the Government of the United States to be used as it sees best for the defense of the nation.

The cause of the United States is our cause.

Annual May Ball.

The annual May Ball of Miss Virginia Luskett's dancing class will take place at Columbia Theater May 2, at 8 p. m. Among the many unique dances is the statue dance by Miss Luskett, the first time before the public, and also the comedy danced by little tots of four years.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See the genuine in L. B. Q. on each tablet.

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She Is the First.

Mrs. Nellie G. Stetson, who is now taking the examination for law clerk in the departments, is the first woman to put herself on record for this position in Washington, and probably in the United States. Mrs. Stetson is a blonde, with fair hair, a "pretty" figure and is said to be possessed of an exceedingly amiable disposition, a necessity, doubtless in the profession. Notwithstanding these good qualities, she is well versed in the law, having had almost five years' active practice. She is also a pioneer in her chosen profession, and makes it a rule whenever appearing before the courts to always remove her hat, a fact that sometimes calls forth the court's jests. She looks to be about twenty-three, and is best known by the appellation of "Lawyer Nellie."

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## MILITIA IS UNEQUIPPED

No Clothing or Provisions for Volunteers.

## A DELAY IS NECESSITATED

Men Need Blankets, Coats, Caps and Arms—Quartermasters' Requisitions Are Not Honored, and Money Cannot Buy Equipment From the War Department—They Are Needed for the Regular Soldiers.

There is trouble at the War Department. Men are ready to fight, but no provision has been made for their equipment, and for some time at least the militia of the different States authorized by Congress cannot be utilized. This is because the War Department has not been sufficiently active in securing clothing and other equipment.

It is a positive fact that there is not clothing enough to go around among the one hundred and twenty-five thousand volunteers called. The militia of several of the States and also of the District have not had their requisitions ordered for some time, and it is practically impossible for them to secure the necessary provisions. This is what has caused the delay in getting the volunteer troops ready for active duty. How long before they will be in readiness is not known. It is believed that this need at least partly responsible for the countermanding of the order issued Saturday for the militia to go into camp at the Soldiers' Home grounds. Secretary Alger did not know that Gen. Harries intended ordering the entire guard into camp, but believed it was to be only a small number, possibly the quota of volunteers to be furnished by the District of Columbia. The reason was plain. There are not sufficient guns of the new pattern, nor is there sufficient clothing to properly equip the entire National Guard. It is a fact that equipment for at least two hundred men in the local organization is needed and cannot be secured from the War Department. Several men went to the camp yesterday minus rubber blanket, woolen blanket, and overcoat. Some had not even the old style gun. The men were attired in a motley fashion. Some wore field hats and others had on the blue caps. There were not sufficient haversacks to go around and men were compelled to tie their lunch in bundles and place in it baskets and buckets. All this illustrated the condition of the War Department. It is out of the men who have so bravely offered their services to the country. They are willing to fight but the Government is not ready to receive them.

It can be stated that the blunder was made when Secretary Alger decided to let the Guard go into camp. He had no idea that the militia would be sent to go into camp expecting to be properly equipped and clothed by the Government. When he learned that the Guard had been sent to camp with the militia, he immediately ordered the militia to be countermanded and the militia was immediately ordered back to the army.

Another question that many of the men are interested in is whether or not they will be paid from the time they go to camp. They leave their work and place themselves under military control and it is claimed that they should be compensated from the time they leave their homes and assemble in camp. Many members of the Guard cannot afford to leave their positions and receive compensation in return for their services. The pay is meager as it is, only thirteen dollars and barely sufficient to assist in caring for those left at home. The Government is not willing to pay them until they are sent to camp and receive no pay merely because they are not at the front and doing active duty is said to be unjust.

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## HARMFUL EVASION

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In these United States there is no class of men who stand higher than the general practitioner of medicine. While he is a physician, he is also a precise friend and enters into closer relationship with men, women and families than any other person. His advice is sought not only from a medical standpoint, but as the family physician of many years' standing he is often made the recipient of many family personal matters. You never hear of a doctor betraying the secrets of his patients; on the contrary, he is often referred to disclose his knowledge, even in a court of justice.

Is it any wonder, then, that when he tells a patient that catarrhal diseases are incurable, he believes him? Not at all. It is perfectly natural. Right here is where he makes a mistake. He does not treat these diseases and fears the relief of advising patients to go elsewhere for relief. Professional jealousy, the love of medicine, the fear of losing a family's patronage has often led a physician to tell patients that the treatment of catarrh is a waste of time and money.

It is always best to be perfectly candid and frank, for eventually the patient is bound to go to a specialist for relief and find to their pleasure that their malady is cured. This result reflects badly on their previous physician, and thus the confidence of their former faithful followers. All this simply exemplifies the old adage that honesty is the best policy.

What are the facts in the case? Simply these: Catarrh and catarrhal complications can not only be relieved, but in the great majority of cases can be cured. Hundreds of the brightest medical men in the world, men who have become justly famous, men belonging to the highest medical societies in the country, men who have become established in the land and whose names are as household words in the best medical colleges—all these, and more, are devoting their entire time and energy to the study and treatment of catarrh and its complications. It is not a disease that is incurable, it is a disease that is incurable only if it is not treated. There is no disease which is incurable. No age, sex or condition of life is exempt. It weakens the whole system by impairing the blood, irritating the nerves, interfering with digestion, etc.

Why let such diseases run on from year to year? Why neglect them until they become really dangerous? In spite of the fact that the general practitioner does not treat these troubles, not encourage his patients to have them treated, they can be cured and the patient will be benefited.

The treatment of this disease has kept pace with the times, and the modern scientific methods employed at the present time are a vast improvement of those employed even five years ago. Harsh methods and remedies have given way to mild, soothing, antiseptic applications. The general condition of health is carefully looked after.

None need be discouraged because former efforts to obtain relief have failed. There is yet hope. They have only to try the improved blood to see the difference from former efforts. Read Dr. Cowden's offer below to all who are afflicted.

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**A SCANDAL IN SPAIN.**

Army Officers Draw the Pay of Dead Soldiers.

There are not 200,000 Spanish soldiers in Cuba. A scandal has developed in connection with the enlistment of recruits for the Spanish army in Cuba. The government has no record of the men killed in battle or who have died in hospitals. It is said that they are still borne on the rolls, and that their salaries are paid to a clique of officers who have conspired to defraud the Treasury. Authority for these charges is Capt. Jorge Neleny.

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## THE POTOMAC RIVER.

### Regulations for Navigation in Time of War.

The following important notice was issued yesterday by Charles J. Allen, lieutenant colonel, Corps of Engineers, War Department.

Submarine mines have been placed in position in connection with the defenses of the Potomac River and Washington. These mines are dangerous to vessels traveling at high speed and to propeller vessels at any speed.

The following regulations for the safe navigation of the river by friendly vessels and for protection of the defenses are hereby established by authority of the Secretary of War:

No vessel will be allowed to pass through the mine field. The boats, and the Columbia Lodge and were founded by the present president, Mr. James Stevens, and has about 100 members. The hall was tastefully decorated with American, British and Cuban flags. Mr. Stevens played a medley of national airs of the United States and England, which was heartily applauded. Misses Edna Danforth and Mamie Armington, pupils of Prof. Sheldon, gave a recitation of the battle of the Clouds in the Highland course. Among those present were: Messrs. Charles Parker, L. Willard, Thos. Collins, H. Knell, Sidney Clark, A. Knell and Miss Dana. The committee in charge was Messrs. J. Hunt, C. Walton, Alfred Ellibey, F. Taylor, Thomas Collins, Thomas Jones and Frank Austin.

**Pickpockets at Work.**

Pickpockets were at work yesterday in front of the National Guard Armory, Center Market, during the bustle which attended the departure and return of the troops from the Soldiers' Home and other points. Two cases of pocket picking were reported to Inspector Mattingly, both of which occurred in the crowds in front of the armory.

Mrs. Sarah J. Fisher, residing at No. 43 Six-and-a-half Street southwest, was relieved of her pocketbook containing \$7.30 in cash and a note for \$104 payable to herself. Mrs. Fisher's husband, who lives at 106 E Street southeast, had her pocketbook stolen. It contained \$5, some car tickets and receipts.

**Store Robbed.**

Burglars entered the store of Sarah E. Griffith, No. 1153 Eleventh Street southeast, Saturday night or before daylight Sunday morning by forcing the front door. They stole \$60 from the money drawer.

S. Steiner reported last night that a diamond snuff box valued at \$40 was stolen from his house, No. 196 Seventh Street northwest. A dark blue overcoat was stolen from the buggy of L. E. Breminger, who lives at No. 129 Thirteenth Street northwest.

**Col. Youngblood Volunteers.**

One of the first officials to offer his services to the Government in the present crisis is Col. William Youngblood, the third auditor of the Treasury. He served with distinction during the civil war in the Fifteenth Alabama Regiment. He started as a private and was rapidly promoted to be a colonel for gallantry in battle. While Col. Youngblood served in the Confederate service, he has been a Republican since.

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Heerley's Fast Color Ointment; great value. **35c** **TEXNILE, 709 Seventh Street Northwest.**

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Cures Catarrh. **5c**  
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## FIGHTING PARSONS.

### New York Preachers Show the Moral Spirit.

New York, April 25.—Preachers of war sounded in many pulpits yesterday; their pastors and spiritual guides helped to fire the patriotism of the people and voiced their prayers for speedy victory.

"A Good Soldier" was the subject on which the Rev. Dr. I. M. Halldeman preached to a large congregation in the First Baptist Church, Seventy-ninth Street and the Boulevard. His text was from Timothy: "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

"At this time this country is on trial before the other great nations of the world," said Dr. Halldeman. "It will soon be known whether thirty years of peace and the height of financial prosperity have hurt us. We will know whether we have degenerated. The United States has taken a stand for high and noble principles, and our men and women have responded patriotically to the call of honor."

The Rev. Ezra S. Tipple, of the St. James M. E. Church, Madison Avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Street, preached on "A Triumphant Faith."

"The man who fears is wanting in faith," he exclaimed. "When Abraham Lincoln was called in the emergency of the Rebellion, he had faith, and from the impetus thus received he led his duty. God was behind him all."

"Fear not in the present emergency. God is with us in this war, which is the fight for conscience and humanity." An enthusiastic audience responded with applause to the Rev. Thomas Dixon's sermon on "The Battle Cry of Freedom."